

ELINOR WONDERS WHY

Comic 001 - "The Seed of an Idea"

Adapted from:

EW105 - "The Seed of an Idea"

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Main Characters: Elinor (E), Olive (O), Ari (A)

Secondary Characters: Mz. Mole (MM)

Non-Speaking Characters: Elinor's classmates (CLASS)

NOTE: Parentheses () mean text inside a "thought bubble" and brackets [] mean "off to the side" dialogue that is loose and should (if possible) not be inside a speech bubble.

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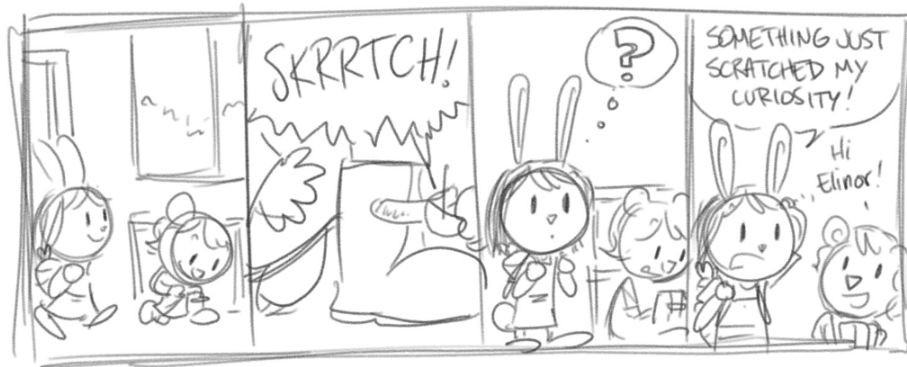
E: Hi, there!

E: I'm Elinor!

E: I find everything interesting!

E: I wonder if it's because I'm five.

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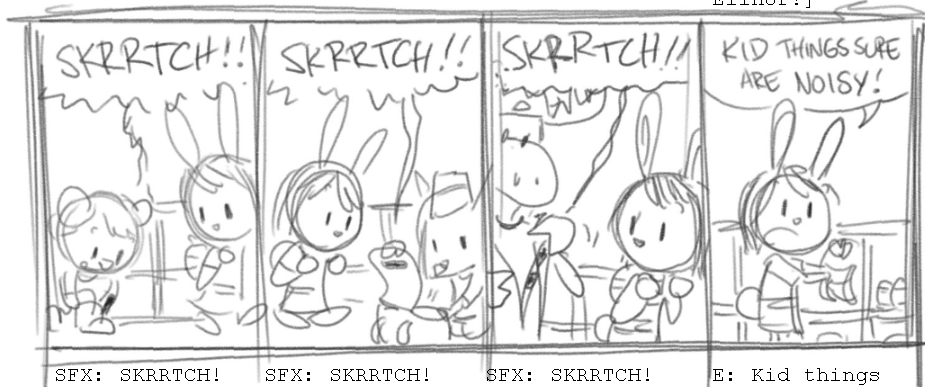


SFX: SKRRITCH!

E: (?)

E: Something just scratched my curiosity!
ASHLEY: [Hi, Elinor!]

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SFX: SKRRITCH!

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E: Kid things sure are noisy!

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A: Check it out, I have a new watch!

E: Cool.. Does it tell the time?

WATCH: TIME TO GO TO SCHOOL!

A: A little too well.

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A: My parents got me this watch to help me stay on track. Watch this!

WATCH: TIME TO GO TO SCHOOL! EAT YOUR VEGETABLES!

WATCH: DON'T FORGET YOUR PANTS.

A: Heh, sometimes I forget.

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A: Want to see my favorite part of the watch?

A: The watch strap!

SFX: SKRRRTCH!

E: That is SO interesting!

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MM: Ok, class, let's get started!

CLASS: GOOD MORNING MS. MOLE!

MM: (Ok, who gave the kids coffee this morning?)
CLASS: [Heh! Giggle!]

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MM: Ok, now where is my book?



MM: Aha! Is this it?



CLASS: No! That's a carrot!



MM: (Heh, who said teachers don't know how to have fun?)

CLASS: [Ms. Mole, you're so silly!]

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MM: Today we're going to learn a really fun lesson.



MM: Are you ready? Here we go...



MM: Wait for it... Wait for it...



MM: (Always leave them in suspense.)

CLASS: [Tell us, Ms. Mole!]

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MM: Today's lesson is about... Nature's ideas!



MM: Nature has a lot of good ideas we can learn from, like-



SFX: SKRRTCH!!



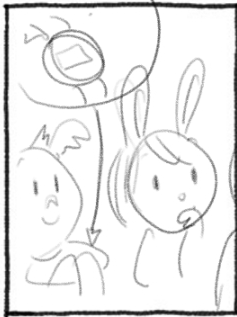
MM: What was that?

E: (Act casual...)

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MM: Ahem. As I was saying, Nature has lots of good ideas.



ACTION: Elinor eyes Ari's watch. A little bubble (like a telescope view) tells us what she's eyeing.



SFX: SKRRTCH!



MM: Elinor...

E: (Whoops.)

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E: Ms. Mole, this watch strap is SO cool!



E: You can open it and close it...



E: It sticks together like tape... but it's not sticky!



E: That is SO interesting!

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E: And look!
There's a strap like that
everywhere!



E: It helps close
shoes and
boots...



E: And back-
packs and
coats!



A: It's on
EVERYTHING!
E: [I know!]

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E: But I
wonder... How
does it work?



E: How does
this scratchy patch
stick to the fuzzy
part...



E: ...Without
being sticky??



O It's a
mystery!
A scratchy
mystery!
A: A scratchy
mystery!

Alt: a sticky
mystery

ACTION: We see
both the
scratchy patch
and the fuzzy
side of the
strap.

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MM: Actually,
Elinor, that's-



WATCH: TIME FOR
RECESS!



CLASS: Recess,
Yaaay!!



MM: Ya gotta
love recess.

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E: How does this stick together without *being* sticky?



O: I'll see if we have any books about it!



A: What about recess?



E: Look, it sticks to other things too!

A: Hey!

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E: The scratchy patch sticks to *some* things..



E: But it doesn't stick to other things.



A: Huh. That IS interesting!



A: It's sticky AND picky!

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O: Well, I found some fun books...



O: Oof!



O: But none about mysterious patches that stick to things.



A: Hey look! I'm stuck in time!

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E: I have an idea!



E: Let's try sticking this to LOTS of things...



E: And see what it does, and doesn't stick to!



A: YES!!
O: I'll get my notebook!

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E: Ok, let's see what this does and doesn't stick to.



E: Rug: No.



E: Chalkboard: No.



E: Olive's nose: No!
O: [Heh heh!]

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Ok, so the watch strap sticks to the rug and sweater...



But it doesn't stick to anything else.



Hmmm...



We could try some things outside?

O: Ok, so the watch strap sticks to the rug and Ari's sweater...

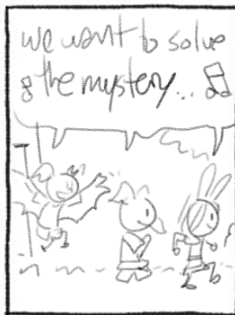
O: But it doesn't stick to anything else.

ALL: Hmmm...

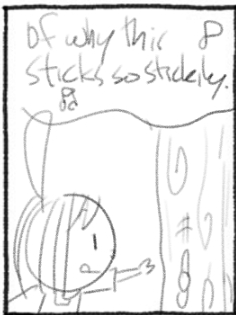
A: We could try some things OUTSIDE?

E: Yeah!

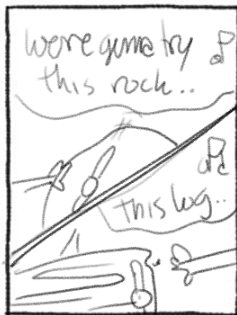
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We want to solve the mystery..



Of why this sticks so stickily.



We're gonna try this rock..



And even this frog!

ALL: We want to solve the mystery...

ALL: Of why this sticks so stickily.

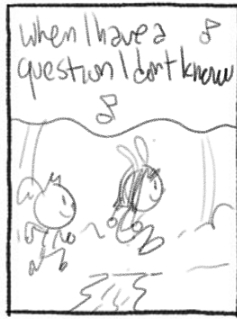
ALL: We're gonna try this rock..

ALL: And even this frog!

SFX: Ribbit!

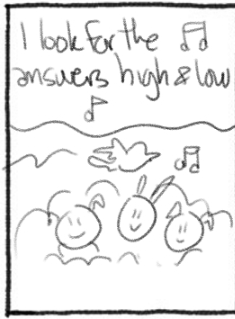
ALL: This log...

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When I have a question I don't know...

ALL: When I have a question I don't know...



I look for the answers high & low

ALL: I look for the answers high and low.



We're gonna try it here... and there...

ALL: We're gonna try it here...

ALL: And there...



And Everywhere!

ALL: And everywhere!

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Ok, what did we learn, Olive?

E: Ok, what did we learn, Olive?



Well, the watch strap sticks to sweaters and rugs...

O: Well, the watch strap sticks to sweaters and rugs...



but not anything else. Huh?

O: But not anything else.

A: Huh?



Ack! Help!

A: Ack! Help!

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These seeds are stuck to my shirt!

A: These seeds are stuck to my shirt!



I'll help you, Ari! SKRRCH!!

A: I'll help you, Ari!

SFX: SKRRCH!



Huh?

E: Huh?



Hey!

A: Hey!

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E: Look, this seed sticks to Ari's shirt...

E: Just like the watch strap!

ACTION: Elinor sticks the watch strap to Ari's shirt.

E: It even makes the same sound when you pull it!

SFX: SKRRITCH! SKRRITCH!

ACTION: Elinor pulls both a seed and the strap.

E: What IS this little seed?

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E: Let's take a closer look at this seed...

A: Whoa, look at all those little hooks!

E: Is that what makes it stick to the sweater?

A: (Off-screen) Whoa!

ACTION: a seed hook grabs a loop from the sweater (extreme close-up)

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E: The hooks grab on to the fuzziness of the sweater...



E: That's how the seed sticks to your sweater!



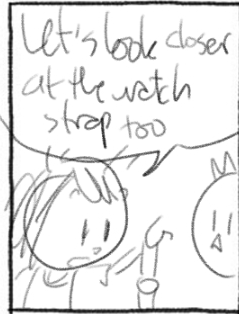
A: But what about my watch strap?



E: We need MORE observations!

E: [Hmm...]

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E: Let's look closer at the watch strap, too.



A: (off-screen) It also has little hooks!



O: They're even tinier! I hadn't seen them before!



A: Whoa. Ok, now I'm hooked.

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E: That's it! That's how the watch strap works!



E: The little hooks on one side..



E: Grab the loops on the other side.



E: And when you pull it...

SFX: SKRRCH!

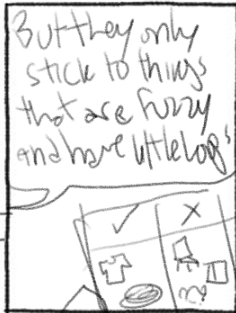
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E: Ms. Mole! We figured it out!



E: The watch strap sticks together using tiny hooks!



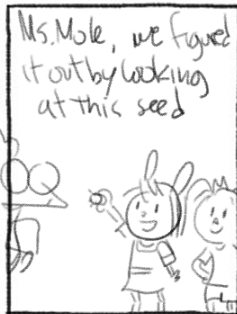
O: (off-screen)
But they only stick to things that are fuzzy and have little loops!



A: We solved the sticky mystery!

MM: Oh my!

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E: Ms. Mole, we figured it out by looking at this seed.



E: It also has little hooks in it.

A: Gasp!



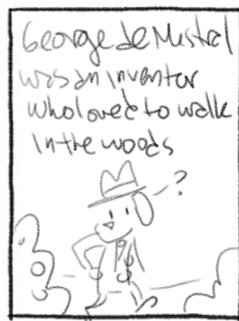
A: Did the seed copy the idea from the strap?



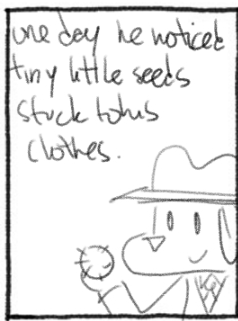
MM: Actually, the idea for the strap came from the seed!

A: Whoa!

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MM: (narrating)
George de Mestral was an inventor who loved to walk in the woods.



MM: (narrating)
One day he noticed little seeds stuck to his clothes.

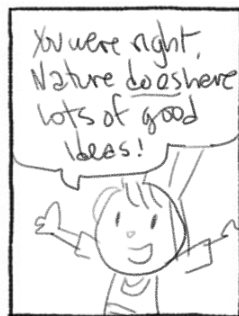


MM: (narrating)
He wondered if he could make the hooks himself.

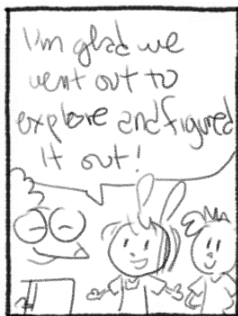


MM: (narrating)
And that's how hook and loop fasteners were invented!

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E: You were right. Nature DOES have lots of good ideas!



E: I'm glad we went out to explore and figured it out!



A: Yeah, you could say...



A: We really STUCK with it!

O: [Oh, Ari!]